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COINS OF THE AMAWĪ KHALĪFEHS.

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PREFACE.

THE coins of the Khalifehs of the House of Umayyeh possess an interest peculiarly their own. Unlike those of the 'Abbāsīs, historically they are of little value. But it is not from the historian's standpoint that we should view them. Their true worth lies in their being the first purely-Mohammadan coinage that was issued by the Arabs. We picture to ourselves the Khalifeh 'Abd-El-Melik, wearied with the difficulties and ignominy of an adopted currency, calling together the wise men of his court, and constructing a new coinage, full of the spirit that had fired the East and well-nigh conquered the world. We cannot but be struck with the contrast between these early Muslim issues and the Byzantine and late Sassanian coins which were at first adopted by the Arabs. The difference between the debased art of the Byzantine and the decayed ruins of what had once been the fine Sassanian coinage, on the one hand, and the simple chaste outlines of the first standard coins of the Muslims, on the other, is the difference between decrepit and demoralized nations and a people full of the fresh vigour of youth. There is a power in the design of these earliest monuments of El-Islām for which we may look in vain among coinages contemporary with it; and the strong bold lines of the Kūfī character well express the mighty impulse which urged on the followers of the Prophet.

It is not only as the expression of the power of the greatest revolution which the Middle Ages witnessed that these coins

are to be prized. Though their historical worth is slight, and scarcely, in fact, bears upon anything but the territorial extent of the Muslim empire, yet palæographically they are greatly to be valued, as the earliest and most authoritative examples of the Kūfī character, the progenitor of the characters now in use from Morocco to India. Moreover, as their Prophet sternly discouraged the fine arts, the Arabs devoted themselves with exceptional success to the study of calligraphy. They had a character well worth cultivating, one of which we see the earliest record on the Amawī coins, and of which the latest and perhaps most beautiful form is the Naskhī of modern Egypt.

It has been the happiness of Oriental Numismatists to have received last year an exhaustive work on the coins of the Eastern Khalifehs,* both Amawī and 'Abbāsī, from the hands of Dr. Wold. Tiesenhausen. To overestimate the value of this book is impossible, and we cannot be too grateful to Dr. Tiesenhausen for the labour he has bestowed upon the work,—labour which was not illspent, for it has conferred upon the science of numismatics a benefit such as few have been able to give.

Dr. Tiesenhausen has placed before us the whole coinage of the Khalifehs of the East so far as that coinage was published. There are, however, some collections with respect to the contents of which little or nothing is publicly known. Such, so far as Oriental coins are concerned, are the cabinets of Paris, London, and of Col. Seton Guthrie.†

It is with the view of remedying this defect, as to Col. Guthrie's collection at least, and of supplementing Dr.

* *Monnaies des Khalifes Orientaux*, 4to., St. Petersburg, 1873. I refer to this book throughout by the initial (T.) after every edited coin.

† Of this last, indeed, some large portions have been published by Mr. Thomas.

Tiesenhausen's work with some thirty or forty unpublished coins, that this Catalogue has been drawn up. The series which it describes is scarcely, if at all, inferior to the corresponding portion in the British Museum, and an estimate may be formed of the rarities contained in it by reference to the list of Inedited coins at the end: the *dīnār* of Afrikiyeh, and the *dirhems* of Sarakhs 99, *Sūḳ-el-Ahwāz* 79, and *Meysān* 95, 96, are especially noteworthy. The last coin in the series, struck by the advocate of the 'Abbāsīs, *Abū-Muslim*, is very curious, though already published.

The arrangement of the coins in this Catalogue is entirely new. I have separated the gold from the silver, and classed the latter under Mints instead of under Khalīfeh's. At present I will only say that this arrangement is far more convenient for reference, and I will reserve the ground for the adoption of this classification for an essay, which I hope before long to bring out, on the Coinage of the Amawī Khalīfeh's, in which I propose treating of several points in this coinage which have hitherto been overlooked or not investigated as they deserve.

The copper issues of the Amawīs I keep back to be described in connection with the 'Abbāsī copper, after the gold and silver of the 'Abbāsīs have been catalogued.

An important feature in this Catalogue is the invariable registration of the annulets which surround the marginal inscriptions.* The diacritical and other points, also, are recorded whenever they occur. These with the annulets will take a prominent place in my future essay.

* Prof. J. G. Stickel of Jena, unlike most numismatists, has paid attention to this detail of recording the annulets: this is only one of the many distinguishing points which raise his *Handbuch zur morgenländischen Münzkunde* (erstes Heft, 1845, Omajjaden- und Abbasiden-Münzen) to the very first rank amongst the classics of numismatics, if I may use the term.

The plates accompanying the Catalogue are designed to give a tolerably complete view of the Amawī coinage, and with that object are unusually numerous. The photographic (Autotype) process by which they were produced insures the exact representation of any peculiarities that appear on the coins. The figures on the plates refer to the numbers in the Catalogue.

Exception will probably be taken to my method of spelling Oriental names. Notably the word *Amawī*, as a substitute for the time-honoured but most objectionable mongrel *Ommiade*, will be considered an unwarrantable innovation. The only other grammatical form—and this would be equally offensive to Ommiadists—is *Umuwī*, and to this *Amawī* is undoubtedly to be preferred.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to my kind friend Col. Guthrie for the free use he has permitted me to make of the whole of his valuable collection, and for the confidence in me which he has shown by putting the present work into my hands.

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BRITISH MUSEUM,
Feb. 6, 1874.

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In the Catalogue I have, like Dr. Tiesenhausen, followed the Arabic order of alphabet; but in the Indexes the English, for convenience of reference.

AMAWĪ KHALĪFEHS.

A.H. 41—132. A.D. 661₂—749₅₀.

		A.H.	A.D.
1. Mo'āwiyeh I.	ascended the throne	41	661 ₂
2. Yezīd ibn-Mo'āwiyeh	,,	60	679 ₈₀
3. Mo'āwiyeh II. ibn-Yezīd	,,	64	683 ₄
4. Marwān I. ibn-El-Hākīm	,,	64	684
5. 'Abd-El-Melik ibn-Marwān	,,	65	684 ₅
6. El-Welīd I. ibn-'Abd-El-Melik	,,	86	705
7. Suleymān ibn-'Abd-El-Melik	,,	96	714 ₅
8. 'Omar ibn-'Abd-El-'Azīz	,,	99	717 ₈
9. Yezīd II. ibn-'Abd-El-Melik	,,	101	719 ₂₀
10. Hishām ibn-'Abd-El-Melik	,,	105	723 ₄
11. El-Welīd II. ibn-Yezīd	,,	125	742 ₃
12. Yezīd III. ibn-El-Welīd I.	,,	126	743 ₄
13. Ibrāhīm ibn-El-Welīd I.	,,	126	744
14. Marwān II. ibn-Moḥammad	,,	127	744 ₅
End of dynasty		132	749 ₅₀



AMAWĪ KHALĪFEHS.

GOLD.

1.

Year 78.

I. Area.

لا اله الا
الله وحده
لا شريك له

Margin. محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره
على الدين كله ولو كره المشركون

II. Area.

الله احد الله
الصمد لم يلد
ولم يولد

Margin. بسم الله ضرب هذا الدين في سنة ثمان وسبعين

N (T. 274)

2.

Year 79 (في سنة تسع وسبعين).

N (T. 275)

3.

Year 81 (سنة احدى وثمانين).

*Points. نربك ضرب احدى

N (cf. T. 290)

4.

Year 82 (سنة ثنتين وثمانين).

Points. بولد

N (*Inedited*)

5.

Year 83 (سنة ثلث وثمانين).

Points. بولد

N (T. 301)

6.

Year 84 (سنة أربع وثمانين).

Points. بولد

N (T. 305)

7.

Year 86 (سنة ست وثمانين).

Point. ضرب

N (T. 311)

8.

Year 88 (سنة ثمان وثمانين).

Points. الدپر

N (T. 318)

9.

Year 89 (سنة تسع وثمانين).

Points. الدپر

N (T. 322)

10.

Year 91 (سنة إحدى وتسعين),

Points. ضرب بولد

N (T. 345)

11.

Year 92 (سنة ثنتين وتسعين).

Point. ضرب

N (T. 363)

12.

Year 94 (سنة أربع وتسعين).

N (T. 393)

13.

Year 95 (سنة خمس وتسعين).

N (T. 410)

14.

Year 96 (سنة ست وتسعين).

N (T. 431)

15.

Year 97 (سنة سبع وتسعين).

N (T. 442)

16.

Year 98 (سنة ثمان وتسعين).

Point. صرب

N (T. 454)

17.

Year 99 (سنة تسع وتسعين).

Point. صرب

N (T. 467)

18.

Year 100 (سنة مئة)*.

Point. صرب

N (T. 475)

19.

Year 101 (سنة إحدى ومئة).

Point. صرب

N (T. 489)

20.

Year 102 (سنة اثنتين ومئة).

Point. صرب

N (*Inedited.* cf. T. 495)

* My system of transcribing coin-inscriptions does not permit me to write the hemzeh over the middle letter of مئة, and the two dots which some writers put beneath are orthographically inadmissible.

21.

Year 103 (سنة ثلث ومئة).

Point. صرب

A^v (T. 502)

22.

Year 104 (سنة أربع ومئة).

A^v (T. 509)

23.

Year 105 (سنة خمس ومئة).

Point. صرب

A^v (*Inedited*)

24.

Year 106 (سنة ست ومئة).

Points. ست (?)

A^v (T. 523)

25.

Year 111 (سنة إحدى عشرة ومئة).

A^v (cf. T. 555)

26.

Year 120 (سنة عشرين ومئة).

A^v (T. 601)

27.

Year 121 (سنة إحدى وعشرين ومئة).

A^v (T. 609)

28.

Year 122 (سنة ثنتين وعشرين ومئة).

A^v (cf. T. 613)

29.

Afrīkiyeh year 122 (بافريقية سنة اثنتين وعشرين ومئة).

Point. مئة

Beneath rev. area two points, which do not, I think, belong to يولد

A^v (*Inedited*)

This is one of the very few minted dīnārs struck by the Amawīs or their deputies: the only others being those of Wāsiṭ 99, and El-Andalus 102 and 103.

30.

Year 124 (سنة أربع وعشرين ومئة).

N (T. 617)

31.

Year 126 (سنة ست وعشرين ومئة).

N (T. 625)

SILVER.

أبرشهر

ABRASHAHR.

32.

Year 92.

I. A.

لا اله الا

الله وحده

لا شريك له

M. بسم الله ضرب هذا الدرهم بابرشهر في سنة اثنتين وتسعين

II. A.

الله احد الله

الصمد لم يلد و

لم يولد ولم يكن

له كفوا احد

M. محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على

الدين كله ولو كره المشركون

The obv. inscrip. inclosed by triple serrate circle, outside which five annulets, and then an outer serrate circle. Rev. area inscr.

separated from marg. inscr. by single serrate circle; marg. inscr. inclosed by single serrate circle, outside which five annulets, then outer serrate circle.

Point. اسمن

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

Æ (*Inedited*)

أردشیر خرة

ARDESHĪR KHURRAH.

33.

Year 90 (باردشیر خرة فی سنة تسعین).

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 332)

34.

Year 91 (باردشیر خرة فی سنة احدى وتسعین).

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 2724)

35.

Year 96 (باردشیر خرة فی سنة ست وتسعین).

Annulets as on (32).

(*Inedited*)

36.

Year 98 (باردشیر خرة فی سنة ثمان وتسعین).

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 458)

37.

Year 99 (باردشیر خرة فی سنة تسع وتسعین).

Annulets as on (32).

(The word تسع is indistinct.)

(*Inedited*)

أرمينية

ARMĪNIYEH.

38.

Year 107 (بارمينية سنة سبع ومئة).

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 532)

إصطخر

IṢṬAKHR.

39.

Year 90 (باصطخر في سنة تسعين).

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 339)

40.

Year 92 (باصطخر في سنة اثنتين وتسعين).

Point. لـ

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 2726)

41.

Year 96 (باصطخر في سنة ست وتسعين).

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 2729)

42.

Year 98 (باصطخر في سنة ثمان وتسعين).

Point. لـ

Annulets as on (32).

(T. 457)

أفريقية

AFRĪKĪYEH.

43.

Year 106 (بافريقية سنة ست ومئة).

Point. ضرت

Annulets I. & II. oo oo oo oo oo

(Inedited)

الباب

EL-BĀB.

44.

Year 120 (بالباب سنة عشرين ومئة).

Annulets I. ⊙ ⊙ ⊙ ⊙

II. o o o o o

(T. 604)

البصرة

EL-BAŞRAH.

45.

Year 80 (بالبصرة فى سنة ثمانين).

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

(T. 283)

46.

Year 81 (بالبصرة فى سنة احدى وثمانين).

Annulets as on (45).

(T. 292)

47.

Year 82 (بالبصرة فى سنة ثنتين وثمانين).

Annulets as on (45).

(T. 298)

The engraver has omitted to join the ى of ثنتين to the final ن; and, the ى being tall, the word looks like ثنتان.

The preceding three coins, contrary to the analogy of the series, have the conj. و which connects لم يولد with لم يلد at the beginning of the third line, instead of at the end of the second.

48.

Year 100 (بالبصرة سنة مئة).

Annulets as on (45).

(T. 478)

49.

Year 101 (بالبصرة سنة احدى ومئة).

Annulets as on (45).

(T. 493)

50.

Year 128 (بالبصرة سنة ثمان وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets I. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(Inedited)

مدينة بلخ البيضاء

MEDINET BALKH EL-BEYDĀ.

51.

Year 111 (بمدينة بلخ البيضاء سنة احدى عشرة ومئة).

Large point below وحده.

Annulets (on obv. points) I. ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴

II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(T. 558)

التيمة

ET-TEYMERAH.

52.

Year 90 (بالتيمرة في سنة تسعين).

Annulets I. & II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(T. 338)

53.

Year 91 (بالتيمرة في سنة احدى وتسعين).

Annulets as on (52).

(T. 359)

الجزيرة

EL-JEZIREH.

54.

Year 129 (بالجزيرة سنة تسع وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets I. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(T. 642)

This and the following coin depart, alone of all the series, from the general analogy of the whole class by separating the marg. inscr. of the obv. from the annulets by two instead of three serrate circles, the third circle being removed to the outside of the annulets.

55.

Year 131 (بالجزيرة سنة احدى وثلاثين ومئة).

Annulets and circles as on (54).

(Inedited)

جى

JAYY.

56.

Year 81 (بجى فى سنة احدى وثمنين).

Annulets I. & II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(T. 293) *

The conj. و is on this coin placed at the beginning of the third line of the rev., as on nos. 45-47.

57.

Year 94 (بجى فى سنة اربع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 399)

58.

Year 97 (بجى فى سنة سبع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

(For a coin struck at Jayy by Abū-Muslim in 129 see p. 35).

* The final letter of احدى, supposed by Frähn (apud T.) to be ا, is, I think, really the back-turned form (ع) of ي, badly executed.

دبیل

DEBĪL.

59.

Year 84 (بدبیل سنة اربع وثمانین).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

The final letter of دبیل does not extend above the line of the tops of the preceding ب and ی, and would therefore appear to be a ر or ن: but I am nevertheless of opinion that the word is Debīl, partly because none of the *rēs* occurring on the coin extends below the line of the connecting strokes of ب and س and such-like letters, whilst this final letter does so extend; and partly because Debīl is already a known mint (cf. T. 314) and the capital of Armenia, whereas Debīr is only a village near Nīsābūr. The other alternative, Dubbeyn, does not, so far as I know, exist as the name of a *town*: it is mentioned in the *Adnotationes* to the *Marāṣid el-iṭṭilā* (T. v. p. 433) as a *district*, 'pagus trans Jordanem prope جَراش.'

درابجرد

DARĀBJARD.

60.

Year 90 (بدرابجرد فی سنة تسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 340)

61.

Year 92 (بدرابجرد فی سنة ثنتين وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 371)

62.

Year 93 (بدرابجرد فی سنة ثلاث وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 381)

63.

Year 94 (بدرجرد فی سنة اربع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 406)

64.

Year 98 (بدرجرد فی سنة ثمان وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 463)

دستوا

DESTUWĀ.

65.

Year 96 (بدستوا فی سنة ست وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 436)

دمشق

DIMASHK.

66.

Year 79 (بدمشق فی سنة تسع وسبعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 276)

67.

Year 80 (بدمشوق فی سنة ثمنين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 281)

68.

Year 81 (بدمشق سنة احدى وثمانين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 291)

69.

Year 82 (بدهشق سنة ثنتين وثمانين).

Point. بدهسوی

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 297)

70.

Year 83 (بدهشق سنة ثلاث وثمانين).

Point. بدهسوی

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 302)

71.

Year 84 (بدهشق سنة أربع وثمانين).

Point. بدهسوی

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 306)

72.

Year 85 (بدهشق سنة خمس وثمانين).

Point. بدهسوی

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2722)

73.

Year 86 (بدهشق سنة ست وثمانين).

Points. ست

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 312)

74.

Year 87 (بدهشق سنة سبع وثمانين).

Points. صرب بدهسوی

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 315)

75.

Year 88 (بدمشق سنة ثمان وثمانين).

Points. ضرب بدمس

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 319)

76.

Year 89 (بدمشق سنة تسع وثمانين).

Points. ضرب بدمس

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 323)

77.

Year 90 (بدمشق سنة تسعين).

Point. بدمس

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 326)

78.

Year 91 (بدمشق سنة إحدى وتسعين).

Points. ضرب بدمس

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 346)

79.

Year 93 (بدمشق سنة ثلاث وتسعين).

Points. ضرب بدمس

Annulets as on (56).

} (T. 377)

80.

Same :

but no points.

81.

Year 94 (بدمشق سنة أربع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 394)

82.

Year 95 (بدهشق سنة خمس وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 411)

83.

Year 96 (بدهشق سنة ست وتسعين).

Points. ضرب بدهشق ست

Annulets as on (56).

} (T. 432)

84.

Same:

but no points.

85.

Year 97 (بدهشق سنة سبع وتسعين).

Point. ضرب

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 443)

86.

Year 98 (بدهشق سنة ثمان وتسعين).

Point. ضرب

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 455)

87.

Year 99 (بدهشق سنة تسع وتسعين).

Point. ضرب

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 469)

88.

Year 100 (بدهشق سنة مئة).

Point. ضرب

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 477)

89.

Year 101 (بدمشق سنة إحدى ومئة).

Point. صرب

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

90.

Year 102 (بدمشق سنة ثنتين ومئة).

Point. صرب

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 498)

91.

Year 103 (بدمشق سنة ثلث ومئة).

Point. صرب

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

92.

Year 104 (بدمشق سنة أربع ومئة).

Point. صرب

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 512)

93.

Year 105 (بدمشق سنة خمس ومئة).

Point. صرب

Annulets as on (56).

} (T. 518)

94.

Same :

but no point.

95.

Year 106 (بدمشق سنة ست ومئة).

Point. صرب

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 524)

96.

Year 107 (بدمشق سنة سبع ومئة).

Point. صرب

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

97.

Year 108 (بدمشق سنة ثمان ومئة).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2746)

98.

Year 111 (بدمشق سنة إحدى عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 556)

99.

Year 113 (بدمشق سنة ثلاث عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2747)

100.

Year 114 (بدمشق سنة أربع عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 571)

101.

Year 115 (بدمشق سنة خمس عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

102.

Year 117 (بدمشق سنة سبع عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

103.

Year 118 (بدمشق سنة ثمان عشرة ومئة).

Annulets invisible, the coin having been elipped.

(T. 588)

104.

Year 121 (بدمشق سنة احدى وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets effaced.

(Inedited)

105.

Year 123 (بدمشق سنة ثلث وعشرين ومئة).

Point. لا اله الا

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

106.

Year 124 (بدمشق سنة اربع وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

107.

Year 127 (بدمشق سنة سبع وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 632)

108.

Year 131 (بدمشق سنة احدى وثلاثين ومئة).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2753)

الريّ

ER-RAYY.

109.

Year 97 (بالري في سنة سبع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

سابور

S Ā B Ū R.

110.

Year 84 (بسابور فی سنة اربع وثمانین).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

111.

Year 91 (بسابور فی سنة احدى وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 362)

112.

Year 92 (بسابور فی سنة ثنتين وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 366)

113.

Year 93 (بسابور فی سنة ثلث وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 391)

114.

Year 94 (بسابور فی سنة اربع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 403)

115.

Year 98 (بسابور فی سنة ثمان وتسعين).

Point. بسابور

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 459)

سجستان

SIJISTĀN.

116.

Year 90 (بسجستان فی سنة تسعین).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 335)

117.

Year 93 (بسجستان فی سنة ثلاث وتسعین).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

سرخس

SARAKHS.*

118.

Year 99 (بسرخس فی سنة تسع وتسعین).

A pellet under سبه

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

This is the first coin of this mint that has ever been published. The British Museum possesses a similar coin of the year 92, as may be seen by a reference to the plate attached to my essay on the *Mint Characteristics of Arabic Coins*. See also Mr. Thomas's *Comments on Recent Pehlvi Decipherments*, p. 31.

* The name is also spelt *Sarkhas*, but the orthography I have adopted seems to be held in better esteem.

سُرَق

S U R R A Ḳ .

119.

Year 90 (بسرق فى سنة تسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 342)

120.

Year 94 (بسرق فى سنة اربع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 2728)

سوق الأهواز

S Ū Ḳ - E L - A H W Ā Z .

121.

Year 79 (بسوق الاهوز فى سنة تسع وسبعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

This is a fifth added to the four hitherto-known mints that struck coins in the year 79: *Dimashk*, *El-Kūfeh*, *Jayy*, *Fīl*, to which we now add *Sūk-el-Ahwāz*.

122.

Year 80 (بسوق الاهوز فى سنة ثمنين).

Annulets as on (56).

(Inedited)

123.

Year 94 (بسوق الاهوز فى سنة اربع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (56).

(T. 407)

124.

Year 96 (بسوق الاهواز فى سنة ست وتسعين).

(The ا inserted in the word الاهواز)

Annulets as on (56).

(cf. T. 2730)

الشامية

ESH-SHĀMĪYEH.

125.

Year 131 (بالشامية سنة احدى وثلاثين ومئة).

Annulets I. oo oo oo oo oo

II. o o o o o

(Inedited)

A similar coin of the same year is to be found in the British Museum (see the table in my *Mint Char.*, *Num. Chron.* n.s. xiii. pl. i).

I am quite unable to identify this mint with any known town. No name corresponding in the least with this is to be found in the *Marāṣid-el-iṭṭilā'*, or in Yākūt's works. There can be no doubt whatever as to the name delineated on the coin: every character is perfectly distinct, and we are forced to read الساميه, though of course this might be Es-Sāmiyeh, by omitting the points: I think the penultimate letter must be a ي. There is not the slightest trace of a connection between the *alif* and the following *mīm*, by which the *alif* would be turned into a *lām*. Señ. Camarino seems to read it Es-Sāmiyat (*i.e.* Es-Sāmiyeh): see Mr. Thomas's *Comments*, p. 31.

كرمان

KARMĀN.*

126.

Year 90 (بكرمان فى سنة تسعين).

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

(Inedited)

* This spelling is preferable to *Kirmān*.

127.

Year 97 (بكرمان فى سنة سبع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (126).

(T. 2737)

الكوفة

EL-K Ū FE H.

128.

Year 101 (بالكوفة سنة احدى ومئة).

Annulets as on (126).

(T. 492)

129.

Year 102 (بالكوفة سنة اثنتين ومئة).

Annulets I. oo o oo o

II. o o o o o

(T. 2743)

130.

Year 129 (بالكوفة سنة تسع وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets I. oo oo oo oo oo

II. o o o o o

(T. 643)

ماهى

M Ā H Ī.

131.

Year 90 (بماهى فى سنة تسعين).

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

(T. 341)

132.

Year 92 (بماهى فى سنة اثنين وتسعين).

Annulets as on (131).

(T. 368)

This is the first coin in this series on which I find the grammatical mistake of using the masculine form *اثنين* of the dual numeral in adjectival connection with the feminine noun *سنة*. On all the preceding coins the correct feminine form *اثنتين* or (contracted) *ثنتين* has been employed. The latter form *ثنتين*, which very commonly takes the place of *اثنتين*, has been almost universally misread by numismatists: they generally transcribe the word as *اثنين*, although this is grammatically wrong, and moreover (so far as my experience goes) is uniformly opposed to the form of the letter, the connecting line between the first stroke and the second proving the former stroke to be a *thē*. Only one other example of the occurrence of the word *اثنين* is to be seen in this series, no. 145.

133.

Year 96 (بماهى فى سنة ست وتسعين).

Annulets as on (131).

(Broken.)

(Inedited)

المباركة

EL-MUBĀRAKEH.

134.

Year 108 (بالمبركة سنة ثمان ومئة).

Annulets I. ☉ ☉ ☉

II. o o o o o

(Inedited)

135.

Same:

but on I. A. over the ش of شريك three points .',
apparently counterstamped.

136.

Year 117 (بالمبركة سنة سبع عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (134).

(T. 2749)

المذار

EL-MEDHĀR.

137.

Year 96 (بالمذار فى سنة ست وتسعين).

Annulets I. & II. o o o o o

(Inedited)

No coin of this mint has hitherto been published.

مرو

MARW.

138.

Year 91 (بمرو فى سنة احدى وتسعين).

Annulets as on (137).

(T. 351)

139.

Year 93 (بمرو فى سنة ثلث وتسعين).

Annulets as on (137).

(T. 392)

140.

Year 95 (بمرو فى سنة خمس وتسعين).

Annulets as on (137).

(T. 418)

141.

Year 96 (بمرو فى سنة ست وتسعين).

Annulets as on (137).

(Inedited)

142.

Year 97 (بمرو فی سنة سبع وتسعين).

Pellet under سمة

Annulets as on (137).

(T. 452)

143.

Year 99 (بمرو فی سنة تسع وتسعين).

Pellet under لا بربک له

Annulets as on (137).

It is impossible to say whether the pellet belongs to the word شریک in the area or to the word فی in the margin; and the same may be said with regard to nos. 142 and 118, where the pellet may belong to سنة or to لا, or to شریک.

(T. 473)

144.

Year 110 (بمرو فی سنة عشر ومئة).

Annulets (in this instance points) I. ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴

II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(T. 548)

145.

Year 132 (بمرو فی سنة اثنین وثلاثین ومئة).

Annulets I. ○○ ○○ ○○ ○○ ○○ ○○ ○○

II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(T. 652)

مناذر

MENĀDHIR.

146.

Year 92 (بمناذر فی سنة اثنین وتسعين).

Annulets I. & II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(T. 369)

ميسان

MEYSĀN.

147.

Year 95 (بميسان في سنة خمس وتسعين).

Annulets as on (146).

(Inedited)

148.

Year 96 (بميسان في سنة ست وتسعين).

Annulets as on (146).

(Inedited)

Only one coin (year 83) of this mint has hitherto been known.

نهر تيري

NAHR-TĪRĀ.

149.

Year 93 (بنهر تيري في سنة ثلث وتسعين).

Annulets as on (145).

(Inedited)

150.

Year 94 (بنهر تيري في سنة اربع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (146).

(T. 408)

هراة

HERĀH.

151.

Year 90 (بهرأة في سنة تسعين).

Annulets as on (146).

(T. 330)

152.

Year 99 (بِهْرَاةٌ فِي سَنَةِ تِسْعٍ وَتِسْعِينَ).

Two pellets under لَا يَسْرِيكَ لَهُ

Annulets as on (146).

(Inedited)

هَمْدَان

HAMADHĀN.

153.

Year 90 (بِهْمْدَانِ فِي سَنَةِ تِسْعِينَ).

Annulets as on (146).

(Inedited)

154.

Year 98 (بِهْمْدَانِ فِي سَنَةِ ثَمَانٍ وَتِسْعِينَ).

(Very much clipped.)

(Inedited)

وَاسِط

WĀSIT.

155.

Year 85 (بِوَاسِطٍ فِي سَنَةِ خَمْسٍ وَثَمَانِينَ).

Annulets I. & II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(T. 308)

156.

Year 86 (بِوَاسِطٍ فِي سَنَةِ سِتٍّ وَثَمَانِينَ).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 313)

157.

Year 87 (بِوَاسِطٍ فِي سَنَةِ سَبْعٍ وَثَمَانِينَ).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 316)

158.

Year 88 (بواسط في سنة ثمان وثمانين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 320)

159.

Year 89 (بواسط في سنة تسع وثمانين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 324)

160.

Year 90 (بواسط في سنة تسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 327)

161.

Year 91 (بواسط في سنة إحدى وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 347)

162.

Year 92 (بواسط في سنة اثنتين وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 365)

163.

Year 93 (بواسط في سنة ثلاث وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 378)

164.

Year 94 (بواسط في سنة أربع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 395)

165.

Year 95 (بواسط في سنة خمس وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 412)

166.

Year 96 (بواسط في سنة ست وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 433)

167.

Year 97 (بواسط في سنة سبع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 444)

168.

Year 98 (بواسط في سنة ثمان وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 456)

169.

Year 99 (بواسط سنة تسع وتسعين).

Annulets as on (155).

(T. 470)

170.

Same :

but annulets I. oo o o o o

II. o o o o o

171.

Year 101 (بواسط سنة احدى ومئة).

Annulets clipped away.

(T. 490)

172.

Year 103 (بواسط سنة ثلث ومئة).

Annulets I. oo oo oo oo

II. o o o o o

(T. 504)

173.

Year 104 (بواسط سنة اربع ومئة).

Annulets as on (172).

(T. 511)

174.

Year 105 (بواسط سنة خمس ومئة).

Annulets as on (172).

(T. 519)

175.

Year 106 (بواسط سنة ست ومئة).

Annulets I. oo oo oo

II. o o o o o

(T. 525)

176.

Year 107 (بواسط سنة سبع ومئة).

Annulets I. ⊙ ⊙ ⊙

II. o o o o o

(T. 531)

177.

Year 108 (بواسط سنة ثمان ومئة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 535)

178.

Year 109 (بواسط سنة تسع ومئة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 540)

179.

Year 110 (بواسط سنة عشر ومئة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 545)

180.

Year 111 (بواسط سنة احدى عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 557)

181.

Year 112 (بواسط سنة اثنتى عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 561)

182.

Year 113 (بواسط سنة ثلث عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 564)

183.

Year 114 (بواسط سنة أربع عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 570)

184.

Year 115 (بواسط سنة خمس عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 575)

185.

Year 116 (بواسط سنة ست عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 577)

186.

Year 117 (بواسط سنة سبع عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 584)

187.

Year 118 (بواسط سنة ثمان عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 589)

188.

Year 119 (بواسط سنة تسع عشرة ومئة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 593)

189.

Year 120 (بواسط سنة عشرين ومئة).

Annulets as on (176).

(T. 603)

190.

Year 121 (بواسط سنة احدى وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets I. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(T. 610)

191.

Year 122 (بواسط سنة اثنتين وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 614)

192.

Year 123 (بواسط سنة ثلث وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 616)

193.

Year 124 (بواسط سنة اربع وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 618)

194.

Year 125 (بواسط سنة خمس وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 622)

195.

Year 126 (بواسط سنة ست وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets as on (190).

(T. 627)

196.

Same:

but annulets I. ○ ○ ○ ○

II. ○ ○ ○ ○

197.

Same :

but annulets I. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

It is not till we remember that in the year 126 fell part of the reign of each of three Khalifehs (El-Welīd II., Yezīd III., and Ibrāhīm), that the full significance of these three arrangements of annulets in this year is seen. For a discussion of the whole question of the use of annulets I must refer the student to my forthcoming Essay on the Amawī coinage.

198.

Year 127 (بواسط سنة سبع وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets as on (197).

(T. 633)

199.

Year 128 (بواسط سنة ثمان وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets as on (197).

(T. 637)

200.

Year 129 (بواسط سنة تسع وعشرين ومئة).

Annulets as on (197).

(T. 641)

201.

Same :

but annulets I. ○○ ○○ ○○ ○○ ○○

II. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

202.

Year 130 (بواسط سنة ثلاثين ومئة).

Annulets as on (201).

(T. 645)

203.

Year 131 (بواسط سنة إحدى وثلاثين ومئة).

Annulets as on (201).

(T. 649)

CONNECTING LINK BETWEEN THE AMAWĪS AND 'ABBĀSĪS.

204.

Jayy. 129.

I. A.

لا اله الا

الله وحده

لا شريك له

M. int.

قل لا اسئلكم عليه اجرا الا المودة في القربى

M. ext. بسم الله ضرب بجى سنة تسع وعشرين ومئة

II. A.

الله احد الله

الصمد لم يلد و

لم يولد ولم يكن

له كفوا احد

M. محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين

كله ولو كره المشركون

(T. 2759)

On the reverse the annulets are six, o o o o o o, not between the words, but outside, as usual.

This is one of the remarkable class of coins (of which about eight are known) struck by Abū-Muslim, the energetic leader who set the representative of El-'Abbās on the throne of the Khilāfeh, and overthrew the power of the Amawīs in the East. It thus forms a link between the Amawī coinage and the regular 'Abbāsī currency. Though the coin above described does not present the name of Abū-Muslim, there can be no doubt as to its attribution, on account of the introduction of the new and very suggestive marginal inscription: 'Say, I will not ask of you any reward, but love to [my] kindred.'

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